### MIKKELSEN GIVEN UP AS LOST'

IF RASMUSSEN HAS NO HOPE, NO ONE 'HAS.

The Explorer Was in New York in 1908 Before Salling to Try to Recover Erichsen's Collections and Records -Rasmussen Began Hunt in April.

Yesterday's news from Copenhagen that Knud Rasmussen, who started in April last for north Greenland to hunt fer Capt. Ejnar Mikkelsen, has failed to find him and has given up trying tends to confirm the belief of Arctic explorers and their fireside allies that the venturesome and indefatigable Mikkelsen is dead. If Rasmussen believes it it must be so, the argument goes, for Rasmussen is of the sort that would never give up the

Capt. Mikkelsen, who is personally known to New Yorkers because he came to this city in 1908 after the Mikkelsen-Leffingwell expedition had failed to find the land that Mikkelsen believed lay beyond the "Unexplored Sea" to the north of the American continent, sailed from Copenhagen on June 20, 1909, to Inquiry revealed that the Scotch players attempt the recovery of the collections had quietly ignored the call for rehearsal and scientific records of the expedition and sneaked off—to kirk. The members of Mylius Erichsen. Erichsen, after completing his survey of the coast of Greenand in 1907, had perished with two comrades on his way back to the ship that was to take him home. The body of Bronlund. one of the party, had been found by searchers from the ship, and in a bottle swung from his neck was Erichsen's map of the coast of northeast Greenland.

The steamship Alabama, on which the Mikkelsen party sailed, was wrecked off the eastern coast of Greenland. ] but everybody was saved and the party was landed on Shannon Island. There Mikkelsen and his men stayed until 1910. On March 3 of that year Mikkelsen and his machinist Iversen set forth with a sledge once more, provisioned for only three months. They purposed to reach the north attained by Erichsen, bunting all the way for the records, and then to travel westward along Pearv Channel to Lincoln Sea and follow the west Greenland coast down to Cape York and thence south to the Danish steamship that was to await them. The others of the party returned home. Since then there has been no word of Mikkelsen and Iversen.

As the months passed without news of the wandering pair the friends of Mikkelsen in Copenhagen decided that he must have perished unless he had succeeded in reaching the natives at Cape to take him back to winter quarters on Shannon Island. If he had reached Cape York it was figured that he would take the first summer steamship for home in 1911. But in July last that steamship got to Copenhagen from Cape York. Mikkelsen was not aboard nor had aught been heard of him by the Eskimos of western

Meanwhile Rasmussen had started north last April with sledges, bound for north Greenland. In his search for Mikkelsen he expected to scout along the ice tields as far as Peary Channel, at the northernmost tip of the island. He hoped to return to Copenhagen in August, but evidently he kept up the hunt for his Danish comrade longer than he had expected.

It was in 1906 that Capt. Mikkelsen, al ready a seasoned Arctic voyager, and Ernest Leftingwell of Illinois, after securing the approval of President Roosevelt, set forth to seek the undiscovered continent or great archipelago which Mikkelsen thought must lie somewhere between the Pary Islands and Wrangel Land, off the Siberian coast, or perhaps just north of Alaska. They were backed by the Duchess of Bedford, after whom their ship was named, and by Baron Rothschild, the Royal Geographical Society and the American Geographical Society.

Beyond Port Barow 300 miles the schemer Duchess of Bedford was nut

schooner Duchess of Bedford was put into the ice. While the explorers were away on a sledging trip the ice pulled the caulking from her seams and ruined her. The party left her there and sledged due north for 150 miles. They made soundings through the ice and traced the edge of the so-called continental shelf. Scientific indications were that there was no land beyond the deep water, but Capt. Mikkelsen formed a personal belief that the indications were wrong. He based his opinion as to the existence of land beyond the "Unexplored Sea" partly upon the same evidence that had led others to the same conclusion, namely, the flight of birds in that direction. schooner Duchess of Bedford was pu the flight of birds in that direction.

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On his way back to Seattle Capt. Mikkelsen found himself in another shipwreck. The steamship Saratoga ranon a reef off Bushby Island and the passengers and crew had been lashed to the rigging for sixteen hours when they were rescued.

It was Capt. Mikkelsen's belief until It was Capt. Mikkelsen's belief until Peary's discovery was made that the north pole would never be found. "For," he said, "it is impossible to carry the necessary scientific instruments over the ice on sleds, and without the proper instruments observations are out of the question and penetration to the farthest north is a wasted accomplishment."

#### 15,000 CHILDREN THERE.

#### Education Day at Budget Exhibit Draws

Big Crowd of Youngsters. When the budget exhibit opened at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the sidewalk was crowded with school children from the East Side, who had to be formed in line by grownups before they could pass in through the vestibule doors. Two hours later almost as many more were outside waiting their turns. It was education day at the exhibit, and those in charge estimated that 15,000 children visited the show during the afternoon.

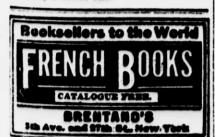
At noon John Green, vice-president of the Board of Education, spoke in the exhibit rooms. Other addresses were made during the day by John Martin, also of the board, and Dr. Andrew W. Ed-son. Associate Superintendent of Schools. Moving pictures of fire drills, flag saluting

and the like were shown.

To-day's programme includes talks by
the Commissioner of Weights and
Measures, the clerk of the Children's
Court and a member of the Brooklyn
Park Danastman.

Park Department.

Balloting on the proposition to change the name of Blackwell's Island to Hospital Park has thus far shown five citizens who don't want the change and 15,000 who do. Commissioner Drummond yesterday made a statement of his reasons for championa statement of his reasons for championing the change. He says he is not especially attached to the name "Hospital Park," but will stick to it until somebody



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NEWS OF PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Scotch Actors Refuse to Rehearse on Sunday-Mary Garden Coming. When William A. Brady walked into the Comedy Theatre last night to see the final dress rehearsal of "Bunty Pulls the

Strings" he stumbled on a dark stage. of the company refuse to work on the

of the company refuse to work on the Sabbath. Three of them are sons of Scotch ministers.

Mary Garden and Cleofante Campanini will arrive in New York this morning on the George Washington. Miss Garden will sing at the Maine Musical Festival next week and will then go to Philadelphia to begin rehearsals. Mr. Campanini will go direct to Philadelphia. The National Board of Motion Picture Censors, having felt the need of a representative of the dramatic profession

Censors, having left the need of a representative of the dramatic profession to cooperate with it in passing judgment on the artistic worth of certain films, has invited Irena Langford, the prima donna, to become a member of that body.

STREET MINSTREL PINCHED

Violin Wrecks Morningside Dweller's Nerves, but Police Captors Applaud.

Louis Ballon, 48 years old, of Far Rockaway, was arrested last night at 118th street and Morningside avenue for playing a violin in the street on Sunday. He

# SHIP'S ORANG SLEW THE CAT

SHE UNWISELY SCRATCHED HIM IN LAT. 19.13 N., LON. 41.33 E.

Long Red Arm Whirled and Pussy Was Catapulted Into the Red Sea Otherwise Shipmate Was Good-He Smokes, Drinks and Is Sociable.

When the gales roar in the forests of Borneo the grassy cradles of the baby orang-outangs rock but do not fall, and even if they did it would not matter much to babies who know how to hang on to limsb. It is this arboreal swaying that counts with the orang when he happens to go to sea, and that is why First Officer Perry Webster of the British steamship Inverciyde said yesterday that the orang which was a part of the ship's company on a very stormy trip from Gibraltar, where the Inverslyde touched on her way from the Far East, did not get seasick. He had become accustomed to the motion from

his baby days. He is called Shipmate, partly because of his sailorlike ability and partly because of his good nature. He did not do one mean thing on the whole trip from Singapore except to the ship's cat in the Red The cat took a dislike to Shipmate and one day vented it by scratching him. Shipmate reached out swiftly with one of his abnormally long, red haired arms and grabbed the cat by the neck. The next instant he was whirling around so swiftly that he looked like a simian pinwheel, and the cat was invisible on the periphery except as a gray blur. Shipmate ceased suddenly in his gyration and the cat was catapulted into the empyrean. It came down finally and the hole it made in the Red Sea filled so rapidly that none of the officers was able to mark it. Therefore the grave of the ship's cat is not known precisely. The first officer says he believes the cat struck bottom and stayed there.

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yesterday for a sunbath and introduction to the ship news reporters. He looked mighty clean for an anthropold which had been sleeping in coal bunkers. The first officer said this was because he had just received an oatmeal shampoo. They thought a soap and water washing of the head might give Shipmate a cold and Webster and Hancock tried oatmeal on Webster and Hancock tried oatmeal on him effectively. He did not like it at first. Before the shampooing began Shipmate looked as if he were going to piay end man in a minstrel show. After all the black had been scoured off his red hair had a chance to assert itself. He declined to be interviewed and went down into the galley to help the cook wash the dishes. He likes to do this as it gives him a chance to lick the plates. Shipmate is middle aged (for an orang) and about four feet tall when he chooses to stand up straight.

SEE NEW BROADHURST SHOW

Actors Jam the Playhouse at Perform ance of "Bought and Paid For."

William A. Brady gave a party last night for stage folk now in town, and in doing it held the first "professional performance" that has been given in New York State on Sunday night-or so he says. The nearest thing to it in history is the professional performance of "Baby Mine" which began one Saturday night last year after the regular audience had left the theatre.

sing a violin in the street on Sunday. He had been making the lives of the inhabitants of nearby Columbia dormitories and apartment houses miserable with overmuch melody. A tenant of an apartment house exasperated by the squeaks of the fiddle called up Police Headquarters. Policeman Higginson was sent out from the West 125th street station to look for the minstrel. He saw him at the same time the fiddler saw him. The player hid until he saw the cop pass and then continued. Higginson then grabbed him. At the station house Ballon asked Lieut. McDermott if he might take his fiddle to a cell. The lieutenant said that if he could play "The Harp That Once Thro' Tara's Hall" for him he might take it along. Ballon obliged and was allowed to take the instrument with him. He entertained the wagon came to take him to night court.

Sulkim.

Shipmate had the run of the Inverclyde and slept where he pleased, which was sully lin the coal bunkers. He was put in the co

"I have prided myself on never having run over anything, not even a chicken," said the owner of a large touring car, "but yesterday evening I surely thought my clean record had been spoiled.

"I turned out to pass a carriage ahead and at the same time a large dog which had been following the carriage suddenly sprang in front of my machine. I stopped the car, jumped out and looked under the front, but there was no sign of the dog there. Thinking he might have en caught under the rear of the car I lit a mateli, but saw no dog. I walked around to the front and there found the dog limply hanging by his leather collar

from the cranking handle.

"I lifted him off, thinking surely his neck was broken, but after giving a few quick gasps he jumped to his feet and sped down the road."

York city of yours," said a visitor. "The other evening I was on a Broadway car and near the front door sat a young man. It was chilly and wet and the young man was not comfortable, it was plain. He became more uncomfortable every time some one went out the front door, for it was always left open. Each time he got up and slammed the door and becam

got up and stammed the door and became more peevish.

"He had done this a dozen times or more when he found a seat in the middle of the car. Then to his astonishment every person who went out that front door carefully closed it after him. There was no reason to believe that there was a general conspiracy against the young man, yet I am sure that he could not understand it."

A player in the Metropolitan Opera's orchestra, just back for rehearsals, was wondering the other day how productive of humorous anecdotes the season's training would turn out to be. "Last year about this time," he said, "we had mighty funny times between the conductors and singers. There is one conductor who knows very little English. Every now and then he gets off something capital by pure accident.

"I remember a rehearsal of a long opera in which the leading soprano rôle was taken by a prima donna who speaks English perfectly. Now she was con-stantly getting off the key, and stay-ing there too. Every time she did it the ing there too. Every time she did it the conductor frowned, rapped, stopped the orchestra, and told her about it—in a foreign language. She got angry finally and said in English:

"I'm a star, I'll have you understand.'

"The conductor, who hadn't understood a word, asked the first violin what that word star meant. The player translated literally. Then the conductor looked puzzled and replied in his own tongue, which the sporano understood:

"No, you're not. Stars are in heaven.'"

The much annoyed customer departed

and the saleswoman approached another customer and began to tell how disagree-able the first had been, and then assuming an air of superiority remarked: "But I kept perfectly calm, remembering

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN. that self-possession was nine points of the

> One place of interest in this city is a tiny spot of grass which has been protected with infinite pains by its beauty loving owner. It is entirely without tence or railing of any kind, but has in the middle a neat sign containing only six letters

The owner, a Southern gentleman, says that the sign is not only more courteous but more effective than the timeworn command "Keep off the grass."

Within half a minute after the horse had nipped a piece of cloth out of the man's coat sleeve the indolent driver had man's coat sieeve the indolent driver had leaped from his position against the bar-room door and pulled the animal into the middle of the street. "He wasn't on the sidewalk," the driver protested. "I say he wasn't on the side-walk."

man with legal aspect. "It has been accepted as a point in law that if a horse nibbles a pedestrian's clothes when he is standing in the street where he belongs the driver is not liable for damages, but if the horse has edged up on the sidewalk even the fraction of an inch the driver is responsible."

A countryman in town a few days ago mounted a high building in Greenwich Village to get the view. It was not the expanse of the city nor the high towers that caught his eye.

"Well that's a queer place to keep wagons," he said, and he pointed to a dozen or more five or six story buildings the roofs of which were covered with trucks and carts and hacks, "Why do they put em there, and how do they host 'em up?" It was, explained that the buildings were ordinary loft and storage structures and that their owners ented the roof to truckmen and contractors. Over in one corner was the big lift that served the roof. The horses were kept elsewhere. But the countryman went away wondering. dering.

walk."

But nobody else said so. The horse's fore feet had been planted on the sidewalk when he took his ill advised meal; all observers were agreed on that.

"But why all this pother about the position of his feet?" a bystander said. "The coat is ruined; that is the main point."

"It is the main point for the owner of the coat but not for the driver," said a strength of the coat but not for the driver," said a strength of the coat but not for the driver, said a strength of the coat but not for the driver, can be said to be said so the said said the said

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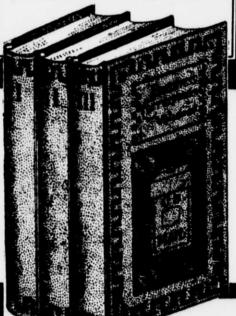
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